FILED 1 APALLA U. CHOPRA (S.B. #163207) CLEAK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT achopra@omm.com 2 BENJAMIN J. KIM (S.B. #233856) JUN 2 4 2011 bikim@omm.com 3 JÍLLIÁN R. WEINSTEIN (S.B. #266439) jweinstein@omm.com CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CAUFORNIA O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP 4 400 South Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90071-2899 Telephone: (213) 430-6000 Facsimile: (213) 430-6407 5 6 7 Attorneys for Defendant Becker Professional Development Corp. 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 MMM (PCA KAMRAN RAFIZADEH, 12 individually and behalf of all those OTICE OF REMOVAL OF similarly situated, 13 **DEFENDANT BECKER** Plaintiff. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 14 CORP. 15 V. (28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1441(a), (b), BECKER PROFESSIONAL and (c)) 16 DEVELOPMENT CORP., an Illinois 17 Corporation; and DOES 1 to 100, (Los Angeles County Superior Court inclusive Case No. BC461349) 18 Defendants. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF DEFENDANT BECKER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORP.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA AND TO PLAINTIFF AND PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), defendant Becker Professional Development Corporation (hereinafter "Becker" or "Defendant") hereby invokes this Court's jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1441(a), (b), and (c) and states the following grounds for removal:

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1. This removal involves a civil putative class action wherein Plaintiff Kamran Rafidzadeh ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and a class of similarly situated persons, seeks compensatory and other damages and relief according to proof at trial against Becker. Plaintiff has alleged claims for violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. § 207, for alleged non-payment of overtime wages, as well as claims for alleged violations of the California Labor Code (including failure to provide meal breaks and rest periods, failure to pay wages upon termination, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to pay overtime, conversion and wrongful termination in violation of public policy). Plaintiff also alleges a derivative claim for violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200.

2. On May 25, 2011, Becker received by certified mail the Complaint, a

true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Plaintiff brought the action, which arises from an alleged employment relationship between Plaintiff and Becker, in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,

25 styled and captioned exactly as above, and assigned Case No. BC461349.

3. This Notice of Removal has been filed within 30 days after the receipt of the Complaint by Becker, and since no other defendants have been served, the requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) requiring removal within 30 days of receipt of

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over all the claims alleged in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 because this case could have been filed originally in this Court pursuant to the federal question jurisdiction conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Supplemental jurisdiction exists with respect to any remaining claims, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

I. FEDERAL QUESTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION AND BASIS FOR REMOVAL.

- 5. Federal question jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the Complaint alleges claims arising under federal law. Specifically, Plaintiff alleges that Becker failed to pay proper wages for all hours worked in violation of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 207. (Ex. A, Complaint ¶¶ 7, 13, 17, 19 & 20.) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, Federal District Courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States.
- 6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), this Court may exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's remaining state law causes of action. 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) provides that: "[I]n any civil action of which the district courts shall have original jurisdiction, the district courts shall have supplemental jurisdiction over all other claims that are so related to claims in the action within such original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution." Thus, once a district court has jurisdiction over a federal claim, it may exercise supplemental jurisdiction over "state-law claims

America v. Gibbs, 383 U.S. 715, 725 (1966).)

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facts as Plaintiff's federal claim — Plaintiff's allegations are all based on his

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alleged employment relationship with Defendant, specifically whether Plaintiff was

Plaintiff's state law causes of action arise from the same basic set of

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accurately paid by Becker in compliance with law. (Ex. A, Complaint ¶ 5.)

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Accordingly, Plaintiff's state law causes of action form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution and are subject to

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8. Thus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367 (a), and 1441(a) and (b),

this state court action may be removed to Federal District Court in that federal

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9. Plaintiff's state court action was commenced in the Superior Court of

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§§ 84(c) and 1446 (a), (b) and (c), may be removed to this United States District

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Court for the Central District of California, which embraces Los Angeles within its

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III. CONCLUSION.

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10. For the reasons discussed herein, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and

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1441(a), (b) and (c), this state court action may be removed to Federal District

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Court.

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1	WHEREFORE, Becker requests that this action be brought to this					
2	Court, and that this Court exercise its jurisdiction in the premises.					
3	Dated: June 24, 2011.	O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP APALLA U. CHOPRA				
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Exhibit A



Service of Process Transmittal

05/25/2011

CT Log Number 518576223

TO:

Irma Velazquez

Devry Inc.

3005 Highland Parkway Downers Grove, IL 60515-5799

RE:

Process Served in Illinois

FOR:

Becker Professional Development Corporation (Domestic State: DE)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Kamran Rafizadeh, individually and behalf of all those similarly situated,

Pltf. vs. Becker Professional Development Corp., etc. and Does 1 to 100, inclusive,

Dfts.

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Complaint, Notice, Instructions, Attachment(s), Proposed Order

COURT/AGENCY:

Los Angeles - Superior Court, CA

Case # BC461349

NATURE OF ACTION:

Employee Litigation - Class Action Complaint for Unlawful Business Practices, Unpaid

Wages, etc.

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Chicago, IL

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 05/25/2011 postmarked: "Not Post Marked"

JURISDICTION SERVED:

Illinois

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

30 calendar days after service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Henry M. Lee, Law Corporation 3530 Wilshire Blvd.

Suite 1710 Los Angeles, CA 90010 213-382-0955

ACTION ITEMS:

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SIGNED: ADDRESS:

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CT Corporation System

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

BECKER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL CORP., an Illinois Corporation; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

KAMRAN RAFIZADEH, individually and behalf of all those similarly situated

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MAY 1 1 2011

John A. Clarke Executive Officer/Clerk By ______, Deputy SHAUNYA-WESLEY

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filling fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. JAVISOI Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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identified as DOES, directly or indirectly controlled or affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of Plaintiff and all others similarly situated so as to make each of said Defendants employers and liable as employers under the statutory provisions set forth herein (collectively "Defendants").

- 3. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of defendants designated as DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are currently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sue said defendants by such fictitious names. Each of the DOE defendants co conspired with or is otherwise legally responsible in some manner for the acts, omissions, events and happenings which proximately caused damages to Plaintiff, as herein alleged. Plaintiff will ask leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.
- 4. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, representatives, employees, co conspirators, successors and/or assigns, each of the other, and were acting within the course and scope of their authority as such agents, representatives, employees, co conspirator, successors and/or assigns, and each Defendant ratified and approved the acts of its, his or her agent, and/or that of the remaining Defendants, and each of them. Plaintiff further alleges to the extent any Defendant is a separate business entity, that there existed such a unity of interest and commonality of control, including possible commingling of funds, lack of adequate capitalization, failure to maintain proper books and records, and additional omissions, there truly is no separation or distinction between the individual and the entity. Plaintiff alleges the entities were nothing more than mere instrumentalities, shells and alter egos of each of the individual defendants such that adherence to the fiction of a separate entity should be ignored and the entities treated as though they were one and the same as the individuals and vice versa.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS:

5. The class that Plaintiff represents is composed of current and former non-exempt employees of the Defendants, who were employed by Defendants within the State of California and nationwide in various states within the past four years, who were not properly paid their

wages and are entitled to penalties and additional wages as set forth below. Plaintiff alleges that he and others similarly situated worked as class room facilitators, preparing, organizing, reporting, overseeing and handling Defendant's provision of professional test preparation courses to the public. The class is compromised of the following classes of non-exempt employees who were acted as class room facilitators, paid and improperly treated as independent contractors and victims of the following conduct committed by the Defendants:

- a. All employees who worked overtime hours, whether more than 8 hours per day, or 40 hours per week, who were not paid overtime rates for all overtime hours worked, and all employees who worked days and weekends and other work hours which were not compensated at the statutory minimum wage rate or overtime rate, or who were instructed that certain hours did not constitute independent contractor hours for which compensation would issue;
- b. All employees who worked more than five hours in a day and were not permitted to take a statutory meal break within that first five hours of work;
- c. All employees who were not permitted to take uninterrupted statutory meal periods during which they were relieved of all duties;
- d. All employees who were not permitted to take two statutory meal periods during days in which they worked 10 or more hours;
- e. All employees who worked more than four hours and were not permitted to take a statutory rest period within the first four hours of a day's work;
- f. All employees who were not permitted to take uninterrupted statutory rest periods during which they were relieved of all duties;
- g. All employees who worked 8 or more hours per day and were not permitted to take two statutory rest periods within that 8 hour period;
- h. All employees who were paid wages without a proper accounting of their wages in compliance with Labor Code Section 226;

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- All employees who were terminated or who resigned from their employment with the Defendants, and who were not paid all of their wages due at the time of termination or within 72 hours of resignation;
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes the persons in the class are so numerous, being in excess of fifty individuals just within the State of California, and possibly several hundred class members nationwide, that the joinder of all such persons is impracticable, and disposition of their claims as a class will benefit all parties and the court.
- 7. There is a well-defined commonality of interest in the questions of law and fact involving and affecting the class members to be represented. Within that overall class, Plaintiff further alleges Defendants and each of them improperly treated Plaintiff and other similarly situated persons as independent contractors, instead of as non exempt employees, and treated Plaintiff and others as exempt from payment of overtime wages and failed to pay class members minimum wages for all hours worked, overtime wages in violation of the California Labor Code, as well as the Fair Labor Standards Act. Plaintiff also alleges that by improperly treating their nonexempt employees as contractors, Defendants and each of them further violated the California Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order and provisions of the Fair Labor Standards act by failing to provide statutory mandated meal breaks and rest periods and failing to properly document hours worked and rates of pay. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants on a classwide basis failed to provide each of their employees, regardless of exemption status, a proper accounting of wages paid in violation of Labor Code Section 226 and provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- 8. The claims of Plaintiff herein alleged are typical of those claims which could be alleged by any member of the class, and the relief sought is typical of that which could be sought by each member of the class in separate actions.
- 9. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of all members of the class as their claims are identical to those of the class. Further, Plaintiff's counsel is qualified to act as class counsel and has been approved to act as class counsel in several prior class action lawsuits.

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- 10. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the plaintiff class would create a risk of inconsistent and/or varying adjudications with respect to Defendants and result in the impairment of class members' rights and the disposition of their interests through actions to which they were not parties.
- 11. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 218, Plaintiff may bring a civil action for overtime wages, other unpaid wages, and related statutory penalties (limited to penalties which the employees could collect for themselves, not civil penalties to be collected by the State Labor Workforce Development Agency) directly against the employer without first filing a claim with the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Unlawful Business Practices in Violation of Bus.&Prof. Code Section 17200 et seq. Against all Defendants)

- 12. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 to 11 as though set forth in full herein.
- 13. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants and each of them engaged in numerous unlawful and deceptive activities in violation of the most basic of labor standards, including treating employees as independent contractors, failing to pay for all hours worked in violation of Labor Code Section 510 and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order, Fair Labor Standards Act and statutory minimum wage regulations, failing to pay for missed meal and rest periods in violation of Labor Code Section 226.7 and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order, failing to provide an accurate accounting of wages in violation of Labor Code Section 226, failing to maintain records of employees hours and wages in violation of Labor Code Section 226 and other applicable code sections, including the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order, Fair Labor Standards Act, and as further set forth in Paras. 5-7. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' unlawful conduct afforded each of them the ability to unfairly compete against other businesses that did comply with the law because Defendants' violations of the State and Federal wage and hour laws permitted them to avoid paying their employees for all hours worked, avoid paying missed meal and rest periods, and to hide such misconduct from their employees. In so doing, Defendants were able to reduce their labor costs which Plaintiff alleges translated into cost

savings and higher profits for Defendants from being able to compete with their competitors unlawfully.

- 14. Plaintiff alleges that as a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' and each of their unlawful business practices, Defendants have unlawfully withheld wages from Plaintiff and all those similarly situated in an amount to be proven at the time of trial. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants and each of them are in possession of all documents and information relative to Plaintiff damages and all others similarly situated, and because Plaintiff do not have such possession, Plaintiff are unable to provide a more accurate accounting of damages at this time.
- 15. Plaintiff and on behalf of those similarly situated, request restitution of unpaid wages, related statutory penalties, and all other relief as the Court may deem proper, according to proof and interest on all unpaid wages, pursuant to statute.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Unpaid Wages and Related Penalties Against All Defendants)

- 16. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs 1 through 15 as though set forth in full herein.
- 17. Plaintiff alleges that within three years prior to filing of this action, pursuant to the provisions of the California Code of Regulations and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order, Defendants and each of them were required to compensate Plaintiff and all those similarly situated, for overtime wages at the rate of 1.5 times the regular hourly rate of pay for hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week, and overtime wages at twice the regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of 12 hours per day, and over 8 hours on a seventh consecutive work day. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants and each of them violated the Labor Code, violated the Industrial Welfare Commission Order as well as applicable provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act failed to pay Plaintiff for all hours worked, and overtime wages for all hours worked which would qualify for overtime wages. Plaintiff further alleges Defendants and each of them failed to fully compensate Plaintiff for all hours worked. Rather, Defendants incorrectly labeled Plaintiff an independent contractor and an incorrect and inadequate amount was paid for overtime hours, or the overtime hours were not paid at all or

were paid at a regular rate rather than the overtime rate. Pursuant to the provisions of Labor Code Section 510 and the California Code of Regulations and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order, Plaintiff and all those similarly situated are entitled to recover overtime wages at the applicable rates of overtime pay, including double overtime, for all hours which constitute compensable statutory overtime hours. Plaintiff, for himself and for all those similarly situated, seeks recovery of all unpaid wages, overtime wages at the applicable hourly and overtime wage rates, including all related statutory penalties, including liquidated damages, interest and other damages, as proven at the time of trial. Plaintiff also seeks the recovery of attorneys fees pursuant to Labor Code Section 1194 and applicable provisions of the

- Plaintiff alleges that within three years prior to filing of this action, pursuant to the provisions of the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order as outlined above, Defendants and each of them had knowledge that they were required to pay overtime wages, but willfully failed to pay Plaintiff and all those similarly situated all overtime wages due, and premium wages arising from Defendants' failing to permit Plaintiff to take their proper meal breaks and rest periods. Plaintiff's employment was terminated on or about September 20, 2009, and within the past three years, similarly situated employees were also terminated and/or resigned, at which time, Defendants willfully failed to pay Plaintiff and all those similarly situated all of the unpaid overtime and premium wages due. By failing to timely pay said wages upon termination or resignation of each Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees.

 Defendants who are adjudicated to be Plaintiff' employer at the time of termination, and each of them are liable pursuant to Labor Code Section 203 in an amount equal to 30 days of each Plaintiff's and/or other similarly situated employee's per diem wage rate or in an amount to be determined at the time of trial, including interest thereon.
- 19. Plaintiff alleges that within three years prior to filing of this action, pursuant to the provisions of the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order and Fair Labor Standards Act, Defendants and each of them were required to provide Plaintiff and all those similarly situated with an accounting with each wage payment containing information as required by Labor Code Section 226 et seq., which information includes but is not limited to the

withholdings. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants and each of them willfully failed to provide their employees with the requisite accounting as required by the Labor Code and applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Order. By failing to provide said accounting, Defendants and each of them are liable to Plaintiff and all those similarly situated for penalties of \$50 for the initial pay period in which the violation occurred and \$100 for each subsequent pay period, for each employee, all in an amount to be determined at the time of trial, including interest thereon together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit. Plaintiff also seeks indemnification from Defendants and each of them for all income tax liability and related damages incurred by Plaintiff and all those similarly situated who were treated as independent contractors and whose taxes were not withheld.

identification of the employer, number of hours worked, the rates of pay for said hours, and tax

20. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants and each of them violated the provisions of the Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission Order, and Fair Labor Standards Act, by failing to permit Plaintiffs and others similarly situated with meal breaks and rest periods during each mandated interval and for the amounts mandated for a full day's worth of hours. Plaintiff and all those similarly situated are therefore entitled to recovery of meals and rest periods wages, of one hour's worth of wages for missed meal breaks and one hour's worth of wages for missed rest periods.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Wrongful Termination in Violation of Public Policy Against All Defendants)

- 21. Plaintiff hereby incorporate paragraphs 1 through 20 as though set forth in full herein.
- 22. Plaintiff alleges that he had and has statutory rights to proper payment of his wages, and to all benefits arising from status as an employee. In or about Summer of 2009, Plaintiff protested to Defendants and each of them that he was working significant hours without being properly paid overtime. Plaintiff requested that he be paid the according 1.5 times and 2.0 times his hourly rate for overtime hours that Plaintiff worked. Plaintiff also requested to be issued paystubs with withholdings.

- 23. In response to Plaintiff's request for proper payment of wages Defendants and each of them responded by first reducing Plaintiff's work hours, and then ultimately terminated Plaintiff from his employment. On or about September 20, 2009, Plaintiff was terminated from his employment for no other reason aside from asking for proper payment of his wages and compliance with the statutes for proper payment of wages.
- As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's and each of their conduct, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including but not limited to lost earnings, tax liabilities, lost overtime wages, lost related missing meal and rest period wages, and pain and suffering. Plaintiff alleges that in committing the acts complained of herein, Defendants and each of them acted with malice and oppression. Specifically, Defendants' termination of Plaintiff's employment constituted a knowing violation of the California Labor Code prohibition against reprimanding an employee for seeking proper payment of wages, including acts constituting criminal violations. Plaintiff therefore requests the imposition of punitive damages against Defendants and each of them.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Conversion Against All Defendants)

- 25. Plaintiff hereby incorporate paragraphs 1 through 24 as though set forth in full herein.
- 26. Plaintiff alleges that based on Defendants conduct, classifying Plaintiff as an independent contractor and paying Plaintiff less than what was actually earned, keeping the proceeds for themselves, Defendants and each of them have exercised unlawful control and dominion over Plaintiff's and all those similarly situated wages. Plaintiff alleges that the information from which the amount converted by Defendants can be derived is exclusively in the possession of the Defendants. However, the amount converted can and is a specific amount which can be quantified based on the Defendants' records.
- 27. Plaintiff therefore seeks damages in the sum of all unpaid wages which were converted from Plaintiff's wages. Plaintiff also alleges that Defendants in committing the acts complained of herein acted with fraud, malice and oppression in that Defendants' conduct constituting conversion was criminal conduct as defined by the Labor Code. Plaintiff therefore requests the imposition of punitive damages against Defendants and each of them.

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1 WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF PRAYS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST 2 ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: 3 1. For restitution of all unpaid wages and interest; ON THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: 4 5 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial; 6 2. For all statutory penalties and interest, including liquidated damages, but solely restricted 7 to those statutory penalties which Plaintiff and each class member can recover on a 8 personal basis, not those penalties for which the Labor Workforce Development Agency 9 could collect; 10 ON THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: 11 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial; 12 2. For punitive damages; 13 ON THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: 14 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, which specific amount is 15 within the knowledge of the Defendants and each of them who retain the records from which the 16 amount can be ascertained; 17 2. For punitive damages. 18 ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION: 1. For attorneys fees as permitted in any cause of action for which a statute or contract may 19 20 authorize recovery of attorneys fees; 21 2. For all just and reasonable relief as the court deems appropriate; 22 3. For costs of suit 23 24 25 DATED: April 25, 2011 HENRY M. LEE, LAW CORPORATION 26 By: 27 Henry M.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE Case Number

BC461349

THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below (Local Rule 7.30). There is additional information on the reverse side of this fort

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All class actions are initially assigned to Judge Emilie H. Elias in Department 324 of the Central Civil West Courthouse (600 S.Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles 90005) This assignment is for the purpose of assessing whether or not the case is complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.400. Depending on the Outcome of that assessment, the class action case may be reassigned to one of the judges of the Complex Litigation Program or reassigned randomly to a court in the Central District.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the Chapter Seven Rules, as applicable in the Central District, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Chapter Seven Rules were effective January 1, 1994. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Chapter Seven Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Individual Calendaring Court will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS: All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days of filing.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS: Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

A Status Conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties at a status conference not more than 10 days before the trial to have timely filed and served all motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested jury instructions, and special jury instructions and special jury verdicts. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least 5 days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Eight of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Seven Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Seven Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party or if appropriate on counsel for the party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Chapter Seven Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is absolutely imperative.

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT ADR PROGRAMS

CIVIL:

- Civil Action Mediation (Governed by Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) sections 1775-1775.15, California Rules of Court, rules 3.850-3.868 and 3.870-3.878, Evidence Code sections 1115-1128, and Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, chapter 12.)
- Retired Judge Settlement Conference
- Neutral Evaluation (Governed by Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, chapter 12.)
- Judicial Arbitration (Governed by Code of Civil Procedure sections 1141.10-1141.31, California Rules of Court, rules 3.810-3.830, and Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, chapter 12.)
- Eminent Domain Mediation (Governed by Code of Civil Procedure section 1250.420.)
- Civil Harassment Mediation
- Small Claims Mediation

FAMILY LAW (non-custody):

- Mediation
- Forensic Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Settlement Conference
- Settlement Conference
- Nonbinding Arbitration (Governed by Family Code section 2554.)

PROBATE:

- Mediation
- Settlement Conference

NEUTRAL SELECTION

Parties may select a mediator, neutral evaluator, or arbitrator from the Court Party Select Panel or may hire someone privately, at their discretion. If the parties utilize the Random Select Mediation or Arbitration Panel, the parties will be assigned on a random basis the name of one neutral who meets the case criteria entered on the court's website.

COURT ADR PANELS

Party Select Panel The Party Select Panel consists of mediators, neutral evaluators, and arbitrators who have achieved a specified level of experience in court-connected cases. The parties (collectively) may be charged \$150.00 per hour for the first three hours of hearing time. Thereafter, the parties may be charged for additional hearing time on an hourly basis at rates established by the neutral if the parties consent in writing.

Random Select Panel

The Random Select Panel consists of trained mediators, neutral evaluators, and arbitrators who have not yet gained the experience to qualify for the Party Select Panel, as well as experienced neutrals who make themselves available pro bono as a way of supporting the judicial system. It is the policy of the Court that all Random Select Panel volunteer mediators, neutral evaluators, and arbitrators provide three hours hearing time per case. Thereafter, the parties may be charged for additional hearing time on an hourly basis at rates established by the neutral if the parties consent in writing.

Private Neutral

The market rate for private neutrals can range from \$300-\$1,000 per hour.

ADR ASSISTANCE

For assistance regarding ADR, please contact the ADR clerk at the courthouse in which your case was filed.

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Compton	200 W. Compton Blvd.	1002	Compton, CA 90220	(310)603-3072	(310)223-0337
Glendale .	600 E. Broadway	273	Glendale, CA 91208	(818)500-3160	(818)548-5470
Long Beach	415 W. Ocean Blvd.	316	Long Beach, CA 90802	(582)491-6272	(562)437-3802
Norwalk.	12720 Norwalk Blvd.	308	Norwalk, CA 90650	(562)807-7243	(562)462-9019
Pasadena	300 E. Walnut St.	109	Pasadena, CA 91101	(626)356-5685	(626)666-1774
Pomona	400 Civic Center Plaza	106	Pomona, CA 91766	(909)620-3183	(909)629-6283
San Pedro	505 S. Centre	209	San Pedro, CA 90731	(310)519-6151	(310)514-0314
Santa Monica	1725 Main St.	203	Santa Monica, CA 98401	(310)260-1829	(310)319-6130
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Van Nuys	6230 Sylmar Ave.	418	Van Nuys, CA 91401	(818)374-2337	(818)902-2440

Partially Funded by the Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Program
A complete list of the County Dispute Resolution Programs is available online and upon request in the Clerk's Office

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE

[CRC 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution]

For additional ADR information and forms visit the Court ADR web application at www.lasuperiorcourt.org (click on ADR).

The plaintiff shall serve a copy of this information Package on each defendant along with the complaint (Civil only).

What is ADR:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is the term used to describe all the other options available for settling a dispute which once had to be settled in court. ADR processes, such as arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation (NE), and settlement conferences, are less formal than a court process and provide opportunities for parties to reach an agreement using a problem-solving approach.

There are many different kinds of ADR. All of them utilize a "neutral", an impartial person, to decide the case or help the parties reach an agreement.

Mediation:

In mediation, a neutral person called a "mediator" helps the parties try to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute. The mediator does not decide the dispute but helps the parties communicate so they can try to settle the dispute themselves. Mediation leaves control of the outcome with the parties.

Cases for Which Mediation May Be Appropriate

Mediation may be particularly useful when parties have a dispute between or among family members, neighbors, or business partners. Mediation is also effective when emotions are getting in the way of resolution. An effective mediator can hear the parties out and help them communicate with each other in an effective and nondestructive manner.

Cases for Which Mediation May Not Be Appropriate

Mediation may not be effective if one of the parties is unwilling to cooperate or compromise. Mediation also may not be effective if one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

Arbitration:

In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are often relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "nonbinding." Binding arbitration means that the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. Nonbinding arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they do not accept the arbitrator's decision.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Be Appropriate

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Not Be Appropriate

If parties want to retain control over how their dispute is resolved, arbitration, particularly binding arbitration, is not appropriate. In binding arbitration, the parties generally cannot appeal the arbitrator's award, even if it is not supported by the evidence or the law. Even in nonbinding arbitration, if a party requests a trial and does not receive a more favorable result at trial than in arbitration, there may be penalties.

Neutral Evaluation:

In neutral evaluation, each party gets a chance to present the case to a neutral person called an "evaluator." The evaluator then gives an opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of each party's evidence and arguments and about how the dispute could be resolved. The evaluator is often an expert in the subject matter of the dispute. Although the evaluator's opinion is not binding, the parties typically use it as a basis for trying to negotiate a resolution of the dispute.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Be Appropriate

Neutral evaluation may be most appropriate in cases in which there are technical issues that require special expertise to resolve or the only significant issue in the case is the amount of damages.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Not Be Appropriate

Neutral evaluation may not be appropriate when there are significant personal or emotional barriers to resolving the dispute.

Settlement Conferences:

Settlement conferences may be either mandatory or voluntary. In both types of settlement conferences, the parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or a neutral person called a "settlement officer" to discuss possible settlement of their dispute. The judge or settlement officer does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. Settlement conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory settlement conferences are often held close to the date a case is set for trial.

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VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS



Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section

Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section





Southern California Defense Counsel





California Employment Lawyers Association

The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

- **♦Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section**
 - Los Angeles County Bar Association
 Labor and Employment Law Section
 - **◆**Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles◆
 - ◆Southern California Defense Counsel◆
 - **♦** Association of Business Trial Lawyers **♦**
 - ◆California Employment Lawyers Association◆

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STIPULATION – EARLY ORGANIZAT	IONAL MEETING	CASE NUMBER:

This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

- 1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:
 - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
 - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
 - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
 - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
 - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
 - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
 - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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STIPULATION – DISCOVERY RE	ESOLUTION	CASE NUMBER:

This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

The parties agree that:

- 1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
- At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
- 3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
 - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
 - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
 - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
 - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
 - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
 - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
 - Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
- iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
- 4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
- 5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
 - It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
- 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
- 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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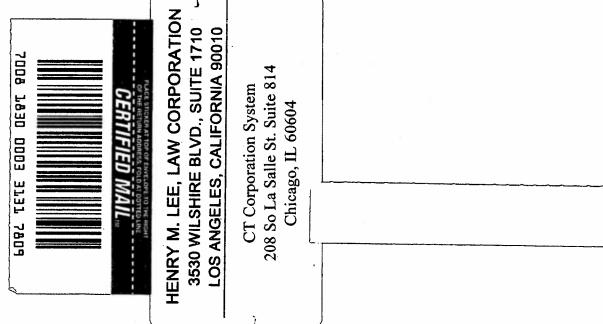
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This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

The parties agree that:

- 1. At least ____ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
- 2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
 - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
 - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
- 3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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19	TO ALL PARTIES HEREIN AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:				
20	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled action, previously assigned to Judge				
21	Emilie H. Elias of Department 324 at the Central Civil West Courthouse, is now assigned to				
22	Judge Rita Miller in Department 16 at the Stanely Mosk Courthouse for all future purposes.				
23	Attached to this notice is a copy of the court's notice.				
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25	DATED: June 1, 2011 HENRY M. JEE, LAW CORPORATION				
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27	By: Robert Myong				
28	Attorneys For Plaintiff				

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY LOS ANGELES

DATE: 05/25/11

DEPT. 324

HONORABLE EMILIE H. ELIAS

JUDGE A. MORALES

DEPUTY CLERK

HONORABLE

JUDGE PRO TEM

ELECTRONIC RECORDING MONITOR

NONE

NONE

Deputy Sheriff

Reporter.

8:30 am BC461349

Plaintiff

Counsel

NO APPEARANCES

Defendant BECKER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Counsel

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NON-COMPLEX (05-25-11)

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:

KAMRAN RAFIZADEH

COURT ORDER

This Court makes its determination whether or not this case should be deemed complex pursuant to Rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court.

This case is designated non-complex and is reassigned to Judge Rita Miller in Department 16 at Stanley Mosk Courthouse for all further proceedings.

Plaintiff is ordered to serve a copy of this minute order on all parties forthwith and file a proof of service in Department 16 within five (5) days of service.

Any party objecting to the non-complex designation must file an objection and proof of service in Department 324 within ten (10) days of service of this minute order. Any response to the objection must be filed in Department 324 within seven (7) days of service of the objection. This Court will make its ruling on the submitted pleadings.

> CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/ NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

> > Page 1 of 2 DEPT. 324

MINUTES ENTERED 05/25/11 COUNTY CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY F LOS ANGELES

DATE: 05/25/11

DEPT. 324

HONORABLE EMILIE H. ELIAS

A. MORALES JUDGE

DEPUTY CLERK

HONORABLE

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NONE

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NON-COMPLEX (05-25-11)

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:

I, the below named Executive Officer/Clerk of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that this date I served Notice of Entry of the above minute order of 05-25-11 upon each party or counsel named below by depositing in the United States mail at the courthouse in Los Angeles, California, one copy of the original entered herein in a separate sealed envelope for each, addressed as shown below with the postage thereon fully prepaid.

Date: 05-25-11

John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk

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HENRY M. LEE LAW CORPORATION

Henry M. Lee, Esq.

3530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1719

Los Angeles, California 90010

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 3530 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1710, Los Angeles, CA 90010. On June 1, 2011, I mailed the foregoing document described as:

NOTICE OF COURT ORDER

on the parties in this action by mail by placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

Becker Professional Development Corp. 208 So. La Salle St., Suite 814 Chicago, IL 60604

I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with U.S. postal service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Los Angeles, California in the ordinary course of business. The above envelope was sealed and place for collection and mailing on the above date following our ordinary business practices. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

Executed on June 1, 2011 at Los Angeles, California.

- (X) (State)I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.
- () (Federal)I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

<u>Diana Kang</u> Name

Signature

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Margaret M. Morrow and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Paul Abrams.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV11- 5297 MMM (PLAx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge
of the wagistrate sugge
NOTICE TO COUNSEL
A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is

[X] Western Division
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Southern Division
411 West Fourth St.,
Santa Ana, CA 92701

filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

Southern Division
411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

Eastern Division
3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134
Riverside, CA 92501

Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself □)				DEFENDANTS					
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AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has If yes, list case number(s):	this action been pre	eviously filed in this court an	nd dismissed, remanded or closed? ▼No □ Yes			
VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have If yes, list case number(s):		viously filed in this court tha	at are related to the present case? ♥ No □ Yes			
□ C. 1	Arise from the same Call for determination For other reasons wo	or closely related transaction of the same or substantial ould entail substantial duplic	ins, happenings, or events; or ly related or similar questions of law and fact; or ation of labor if heard by different judges; or and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.			
IX. VENUE: (When completing the	following information	on, use an additional sheet if	f necessary.)			
			f other than California; or Foreign Country, in which EACH named plaintiff resides, this box is checked, go to item (b).			
County in this District:*			California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country			
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			Delaware; Illinois			
(c) List the County in this District; C Note: In land condemnation ca	-		f other than California; or Foreign Country, in which EACH claim arose.			
County in this District:*			California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country			
Los Angeles						
* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernard Note: In land condemnation cases, use			San Luis Obispo Counties			
X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (C	OR PRO PER):	malal hor	Me Date June 24, 2011			
Notice to Counsel/Parties: The or other papers as required by law	e CV-71 (JS-44) Civ This form, approve	ed by the Judicial Conference	mation contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings e of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3-1 is not filed ing the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet.)			
Key to Statistical codes relating to Soci	cial Security Cases:					
Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of	Cause of Action			
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))				
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)				
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))				
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))				
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.				
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))				

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1 **DEFENDANT BECKER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORP.'S** 2 ATTACHMENT TO CIVIL COVER SHEET 3 4 **CIVIL COVER SHEET SECTION I(b):** 5 6 **Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Henry M. Lee 7 LeeLawCorp@aol.com Robert Myong 8 HENRY M. LEE, LAW CORPORATION 3530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1719 9 Los Angeles, California 90010 Tel: (213) 382-0955 10 Fax: (213) 382-0956 11 Attorneys for Defendant Becker Professional Development Corp.: 12 Apalla U. Chopra achopra@omm.com 13 Benjamin J. Kim bjkim@omm.com 14 Jillian R. Weinstein jweinstein@omm.com 15 O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP 400 South Hope Street Los Angeles, California 90071-2899 Tel: (213) 430-6000 Fax: (213) 430-6407 16 17 18 1174839 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28